**Poetry as Plot Line Lesson Plan**

***The Watch That Ends the Night***

**Class**: Grades 9 – 11 (suggested; flexible)

**Materials Needed**:

* + - * Overhead of Plot Line Handout
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      * *The Watch That Ends the Night* book
      * Overhead of one poem from *The Watch That Ends the Night*
      * Copies of *The Watch That Ends the Night* poems (selection of 30 from book)

**Goal: Students will be able to tell a story in poetic form**

**Activities**: 1. Put the Plot Line Handout on the overhead

2. Read the directions aloud to students; review the plot line points

3. Put the selected poem from The Watch That Ends the Night on the overhead

4. Read the poem aloud to students

5. As a group, place the plot points in the text of the poem

6. Pass out Plot Line Handout

7. Have students select a poem from the copies of poems

8. Have students create a plot line of their selected poem using the handout

9. Have a few student volunteers share their poem and plot points aloud

10. Have students begin the back side of their handout and finish it for homework